

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An ornamental bunting, comprising:

a length of fabric folded to form a plurality of pleats; and

a clamp compressively holding one end of each of the pleats together so that the opposite end of each of the pleats can be fanned out relative to the clamp, the clamp comprising a pair of wings, the clamp being operable upon application of an inwardly compressive force to substantially permanently deform from an open position to a closed position in which the wings are brought in proximity to one another to maintain an end of the length of fabric in a gathered condition between the wings, wherein each of the wings has a row of teeth, the rows of teeth being brought in proximity to one another in the closed position.

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Currently Amended) The ornamental bunting according to claim [[2]] 1, wherein the clamp further comprises a valley formed lengthwise along a top of the clamp.

4. (Currently Amended) An ornamental bunting according to claim [[2]] 1, wherein the clamp further comprises a hanger hole.

5. (Previously Presented) An ornamental bunting according to claim 4, wherein the hanger hole is formed in a hanger hole extension having a hole formed therein, the hanger hole extension being formed of a same piece of metal as the clamp at an end thereof.

6. (Currently Amended) An ornamental bunting according to claim [[2]] 1, wherein the length of fabric has first and second lateral edges extending outwardly from the clamp; and a plurality of spaced-apart holes, each having an associated grommet, are formed along each of the first and second edges, the plurality of holes and associated grommets being operable to receive fasteners for mounting the bunting to a surface.

7. (Currently Amended) An ornamental bunting, the bunting comprising:

a length of fabric folded to form a plurality of pleats; and

means for compressively securing one end of the length of fabric in a gathered condition, the means for compressively securing comprising a pair of wings, and being operable upon application of an inwardly compressive force to substantially permanently deform from an open position to a closed position in which the wings are brought in proximity to one another to maintain an end of the length of fabric in a gathered condition between the wings, each of the wings each having a row of teeth, the rows of teeth being brought in proximity to one another in the closed position.

8-12. (Cancelled).

13. (Currently Amended) An ornamental bunting, comprising:

a length of fabric folded to form a plurality of pleats; ~~and~~

a clamp compressively holding one end of each of the pleats together along a line so that the opposite end of each of the pleats can be fanned out relative to the clamp, ~~said clamp comprising a pair of wings, the clamp being operable upon application of an inwardly compressive force to substantially permanently deform from an open position to a closed position in which the wings are brought in close proximity to one another to maintain an end of the length of fabric in a gathered condition between the wings, wherein each of the wings has a row of teeth, the rows of teeth being brought in proximity to one another in the closed position; and~~

a hanger opening adapted to receive a projection extending parallel to the line.

14. (Previously Presented) The ornamental bunting of claim 13, wherein the hanger opening is integral with the clamp.

15. (Previously Presented) The ornamental bunting of claim 14, wherein the fabric extends downwardly from the clamp and the hanger opening extends upwardly from the clamp.

16. (Previously Presented) The ornamental bunting of claim 13, wherein the hanger opening lies in a plane located perpendicular to the line.

17. (Previously Presented) The ornamental bunting of claim 16, wherein the hanger opening is a flat piece of metal having a circular opening therein and wherein the line extends parallel to the axis of the circular opening.

18. (Cancelled).

19. (Cancelled).

20. (Previously Presented) The ornamental bunting of claim 13, wherein the length of fabric has first and second lateral edges extending outwardly from the clamp; and a plurality of spaced-apart holes, each having an associated grommet, are formed along each of the first and second edges, the plurality of holes and associated grommets being operable to receive fasteners for mounting the bunting to a surface.